plant at Hazira in Gujarat. The plant was commissioned in August, 1995 at a capital cost of Rs. 5 lakhs which included a grant of Rs. 12.50 lakhs from the Government of India. The grant was routed through the Gujarat Government. The capacity of the bio-fertilizer plant is 100 MT/annum. The grades being produced currently are Rhizobium, Azo+obacter and P.S.M. culture.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Import of Fertilizers-

*79. SHRI CHAMAN BHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHAKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of imports of fertilizers and cost thereof in terra of dollar & rupee likely to be occurred in the current year; and

(b) whether it is a fact that farmers are complaining against higher prices of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP) are three major fertilizers which are presently imported. DAP and MOP are decanalised fertilizers and can be imported freely. Imports of urea are canalised. During current year, the quantum of import and cost thereof arc as under:

Commodity	Qty. in Lakh Tonnes	C&F (In Rs. (In crores)	
Urea (April'95 to Jan '96)	32.63	2435.61	754.7
MO±(ApjriT95 __ io Dec '95)	17.02	NA	NA
DAP(April '95 to Dec '95)	14.47	NA	NA "*

NA—Not Available.

(b) The maximum retail price of urea which is under statutory control is Rs. 3320"- PMT. Folowing de-control of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers with effect from 25.08.1992, the prices of DAP, MOP and other complexes are fixed in consultation with the State Govt, as has been laid down by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt, of India under the Ad-hoc Concession Scheme. The prices of these fertilizers vis-a-vis urea have increased sharply after decontrol and this has had some adverse effect on their consumption by the farmers.

Rural sanitation programme

*80. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned to different States under Rural Sanitation Programme during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement Rural Sanitation Programme effectively in every State?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA) (a) and (b) The year-wise details of the total amount sanctioned to different States under Rural Sanitation programme during Eighth Five Year Plan are as under:—

Year		Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1992-93	Fe '96	1563.995
1993-94	b. Total:	2309.058
1994-95		4750.174
1995-96(upto		2875.783
		11499.010

(c) The Govt, has taken following major steps to improve the imlementation of rural sanitation programme;

(i) to provide 80% subsidy to the households below poverty line for construction of sanitary latrines.

(ii) to encourage others to buy facilities through Markets^anitary Marts;

(iii) to launch intensive campaign for awareness generation;

(iv) to identify local voluntary organisationyhon-governmental organisations for implementations of the programme;

(v) to encourage locally suitable models of sanitary latrines;

(vi) to set-up suitable sanitary complexes exclusively for women where adequate land-space for construction of sanitary latrines within the premises of the houses do not exist and where village panchayats are willing to maintain it;

(vii) Integration of the programmes with other rural development schemes like Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Indira Awaas Yojana;

(viii) to develop model villages covering facilities like sanitary latrines, conversion of dry latrines, garbage-pits, soakage-pits, drains, institutional latrines, clean surroundings around handpumps etc.

(ix) to provide toilet facilities in Primary schools in rural areas.

Financial assistance for rural development

438. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM
DR. SHRIKANT
RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many NGOs (given their names and amount) have received the financial assistance from CAP ART in the area of rural development during the current year;

(b) of these bow many have utilised the amount properly and how many have not; and

(c) how has the assistance been evaluated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Upliftment of Kol tribe

439. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kol tribe of Allahabad and adjacent districts of UP are one of the most backward tribes of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no efforts are being made for upliftment of these people; and

(c) if not, the efforts being made by Government to provide for basic necessities like drinking water, senitation, education and health for those people?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) The Kol community in Uttar Pradesh has been declared as Scheduled Caste. The